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NRO REVIEW COMPLETED

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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Science and Technology)**

25X1A **SUBJECT** : [ ] Development Plan, FY 1964

25X1A **REFERENCE** : [ ]

1. In the referenced plan there are several additional points to be considered. Rather than take the time to rework the document, I will note them herein for your review.

2. Although this plan is disposed toward a mobile launch, we will explore all techniques as part of our initial FY 64 review.

3. At this point I do not feel we should attempt to use Agency confidential funds in support of this plan. The effort involved is clearly part of the National Reconnaissance Program and with proper security measures the necessary compartmentation could be obtained. In the event there is some form of NRO turndown, the case for unilateral investigation would be significantly strengthened.

25X1A 4. Within the [ ] required we have not clearly justified  
25X1A [ ] except to state that it would be required after initial studies are  
25X1A completed. In FY 64 we have a NRO appropriation of [ ] to cover  
the preliminary phase of this program. On such facts I do not think we  
can realistically go back for an additional [ ] at this time. When  
needed, we will attempt to "find it" within our budget. If unsuccessful,  
we can go back to NRO with substantive program justification as to the  
necessity of supplemental funding.

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